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Objectives: 1) To clarify receptor & its action.  
 2) To mention drug's response <sup>function</sup> on receptor.

eg:- when there's a patient having any disease, he will take drugs; these drugs will be absorbed and distributed to all parts of the body in equilibrium but each specific drug will act on specific sites in body. These sites are known as cellular site of drug action. eg:- CNS → Neurons.

GIT → Epithelial cells

Kidney → Nephrons.

Liver → hepatocytes.

these drugs will attach to the cell membranes of these cells & will interact with either ion channel, enzymes or receptors, more than 90% of drugs interact with receptors. (Receptors can be on cell memb. or intra cellular) or outside the cell.

After entering the cell → lipid soluble.  
 or aqueous but can enter through pores in hepatocytes.

→ or by transporters absorbed through nephrons.



inside the cells can interact either with carrier proteins, enzymes or DNA.

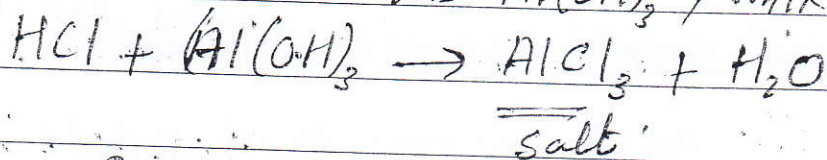
increase or decrease its action.

eg. \* Int. of drug within the cell:-

Ampicillin & propeneicid both are acidic drugs competitively interact with each other for binding to the acidic receptors in tubular cells of Nephrons to be excreted, Propeneicid has higher affinity so it's excreted increasing the concentration of Ampicillin in blood thus increasing its therapeutic effect. (acidic drugs compete for acidic receptor).

\* Outside the cell:- non receptor / without enzymes or carriers.

\* (Chemical):- 1) patient with gastritis  $\text{HCl} \uparrow$  treatment  $\rightarrow$  antacids  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ , milk.



Relieve from gastritis.

$\text{pH} \uparrow$

2) Over dose of heparin - (bleeding).

treatment  $\rightarrow$  protamine + Heparin  $\rightarrow$   
 (basic) (acidic) complex  
 decreases action of Heparin  
 thus stop bleeding.



3) Iron poisoning  $\rightarrow$  drug (desferrioxamine)  
makes chelations  $\rightarrow$   
Iron  $\downarrow$ .

$\therefore$  To increase excretion of poisons we have  
to change the pH of urine against the  
pH of that drug in order to ionize it in  
the urine & thus excreted

eg:- Basic drug poisoning  $\rightarrow$  give acidic drug  $\rightarrow$   
poison ionizes in the  
urine  $\rightarrow$  excreted.

4) Milk + Iron or tetracycline  $\rightarrow$

not absorbed  $\leftarrow$  (Complex)  $\leftarrow$   $\text{Ca}^{++}$   $\rightarrow$  tet

Conc:- Treatment of certain disorders or  
Overdose, poisoning or side effects  
by certain drugs based on chemical  
interaction of  
drug.

(\*) (physical) :- (1) Charcoal - is a substance  
that adsorbs the particles on its surface  
used in treatment of poisons which aren't  
still absorbed by GIT & the poison is  
excreted.

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② Mannitol :- has Osmotic / diuretic effect.  
Used in case of poisoning and raised intracranial pressure.

↓  
increases the concn. of solute in B.V thus attracts  $H_2O$ , vasodilation in nephrons → excretion ↑.

\* Main principles of drug Action:-

1) Modification :- eg. hypertension :- we give antihypertensive.

2. Renal Insufficiency :- diuretics.

3. Fever :- Antipyretics. (febrifuge)

to modify the action of what's already present.

2) Replacement :-

3) Cytotoxic :- antiviral, antibacterial.

4) When there is need to subst :-  
diabetics → Insulin.

Anaemia → Iron.



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④ Does the drug introduce new action on body? No it only modifies, replace or kills what's ~~only~~ already found. but if have new action means problem occurs.

④ Silent Receptors. there are some receptors found outside the cell which binds to drugs but doesn't produce any action eg.  $\rightarrow$  albumin. act as reservoir when amount of drug in blood  $\downarrow$  drug bound to albumin is released.

drug + albumin  $\downarrow \rightarrow$  concent. of free drug  $\uparrow \rightarrow$  we have to decrease the dose

((in case of hypoalbuminemia))

④ Selective & Non selective

Non-selective  $\rightarrow$  One receptor can interact with diff. drugs producing diff. effects on diff. cells. eg.  $\rightarrow$  (phenylephrine) given for children. on muscle  $\rightarrow$  contract. Kidney, nervous...



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The main transmitters of Sympathetic

1) Adrenaline / (Epinephrine). System:-

2) Noradrenaline (Nor Epinephrine).

3) Dopamine.

acts on  $\alpha, \beta$  receptors

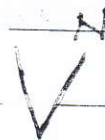
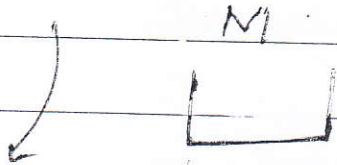
Transmitters of Para Symp. System:-

1- Acetylcholine only.  $\rightarrow$  acts on

Mechanic. &

Why??

$\leftarrow$  Nicotinic Recep.



becomes M, &

N binds to these specific receptors.

While acetylcholine is an

endogenic transmitters which have a labile

flexible structure that can modify its

shape according to the need of body either M or N.

\* Note:- There's no drug which have same structure as of Acetylcholine, but indirectly we can get its core, while the drugs only act specifically either on M or N.



Adrenergic receptor  $\rightarrow$  peripheral & central  
but mainly peripheral.  
While Amino-acid receptor  $\rightarrow$  mainly central.

Classification according to  $\rightarrow$  location:-  
(1) (Adrenergic, cholinergic)  
(2) To structure i.e. amino acids, proteins.

(2) "Transducer Mechanism:-" 5 Steps.

(1) The ligand binds to the receptor forming complex.  $\rightarrow$  Affinity

(2) Complete conformational change (100%) for producing the pharmacological effect (Efficacy).

(3) Activation of G protein.

4) Activation of receptor system (enzymes).

5) Activation of second messenger cAMP, cGMP.

6) Finally activates protein Kinase  $\rightarrow$  Response.

Affinity  $\rightarrow$  The ability of drug to bind to receptor & form complex. can be weak  $\rightarrow$  reversible or strong  $\rightarrow$  irreversible. depends on chemical binding.



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Efficacy → The ability of drug to form complex & to ~~cause~~ induce conformational change 100%.

Adrenaline → cardiac muscle.  
( $\beta_1$ ). → G.P. (Gs) → Adenylate  
(same family).

Acetylcholine.  
(M).

Adrenaline (tachycardia).  
↓ ( $\beta_1$ )

Cardiac muscle

G.Protein (Gs).

Transducer  
mechanism

Adenylate cyclase

↓  
cAMP

↓  
Protein Kinase (A)

myosin action ←  $Ca^{++}$  channels open.  
→ Contractility ↑.



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Acetylcholine

↓ (M)<sub>1</sub>

Cardiac muscle

↓ (G I)

↓ inhibits

(M)

Adenylate cyclase.

∴ Acetylcholine & Adrenaline on cardiac muscle →

Physiological Antagonism.

\* Decreasing BP by 2 mecha. :-

① directly by blocking  $\alpha_1$  receptor by giving Antagonist → prazosin.

② Indirectly by activating  $\alpha_2$  receptors by giving agonist (methyl dopa) → decrease discharge of Ncr → ~~decrease~~ vasodilation, B.P ↓.

3) or by Antagonist of  $\beta_1$  (blocker) indirectly reducing B.P by ↓ C. Output, ↓ H. Rate & ↓ Renin release (Blocking ~~Angiotensin~~ Angiotensin II). & ↓ peripheral resistance.

also used in arrhythmias.

eg:- propranolol.

Athamalel.



In normal Nerve function:-

Acetylcholine is released acting on Nm. recept. but there's an enzyme. Ach esterase which inhibits normally many of Ach. but if we want to increase action of Ach indirectly by drugs inhibiting (AchE) → Neostigmin.

- Used in → 1) GI Atonia after operation.  
2) Myasthenia gravis (weakness of muscles).

Betahol → ↑ acetylcholine.  
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(\*) Pharmacological Antagonism:-

agonist & antagonist acting on same receptor.

- Competitive
- non-Comp.

Atropine & Acetylcholine.  
1g (0.5)g.

Atropine is antagonist will displace Acetyl. but if we increase conc. of Acetyl from 0.5 to 1. it can produce its max. effect



∴ In Comp. pharmac. antagonism:-  
the agonist can produce its max. effect  
if it's found in high concent. in the  
presence of antagonist.

Non-Comp:- } Active site  
                          } Another site ~~there~~

Antagonist binds to another site & produces  
conformational changes on receptor preventing  
the binding of Agonist on active site →  
(-) non-comp.

or if vice versa → (+) non- Antagonism.

In this case no maximum effect is produced.

⑧ Upregulation ⇒ ↑ no. of receptors by continuous  
use of antagonists eg:- propranolol.  
Sudden stop → malignant hypertension.  
because lot of receptors so small amount of  
adrenaline ↑ B.P. → gradually decreasing the  
dose.

⑧ Downregulation ⇒ ↓ no. of receptors by  
continuous use of agonists. eg:- sulbutamol.  
by prolonged use no effect.



Desensitization.

→ No. of recept are same but  
conformational changes

so that no effect.

What's the imp. of Transducer mechanism?

→ To know the action of the drug in the  
body, some drugs bind to the receptor  
& have long term effect for 24 hours...

& some of them have short effects, so we  
have to take it more than once..

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## Autonomic Nervous System

- 1) The main transmitter & its action.
- 2) The Adrenergic transmitter
- 3) The changes acting on adrenergic system.

A. NS  $\rightarrow$  involuntary functions in body.

dopamine  $\Rightarrow$  main action in CNS

$\swarrow \searrow$  in peripheral  $\rightarrow$  on myoelectric BV.

$D_1$   $D_2$   $\rightarrow$  on Renal BV.

$\downarrow$  CNS  $\rightarrow$  Adenohypophysis :- Regulate the prolactin release.

periphery  
(vasodilatation)

to increase renal perfusion  
in cardiogenic shock.

(promocriptine)  $\rightarrow$  Agonist

Stop the high release.

1.25mg of prolactin.

Mesostriatal zone (limbic system)  $\Rightarrow$  dopamine regulate movement

Parkinsonism :- no regular

mov. due to degeneration

(L-dopa)

(treatment)

of dopamine neurons.

(Lipo-dopa) agonist act on  $D_2$  receptors.

here we can use promacriptine but it requires

high doses & when we increase dose  $\rightarrow$  many

So here drug of choice L-dopa

side effects

but some times we can combine

appear

if there is no effect of L-dopa.



\* Chemo-receptor-trigger zone :- dopamine act on  $D_2$  zone & induce vomiting, (Emesis).

Treatment  $\Rightarrow$  Antagonist  $\rightarrow$  chlorpromazine  
Antiemesis, but it has side effects :-

- 1) parkinsonism in some patient
  - 2) hyperprolactinemia in women.
- because it blocks all the areas of  $D_2$ .

Side effect of promocriptine  $\Rightarrow$  Emesis.  
( $\phi$  L-dopa)

dopamine also act on  $\alpha, \beta$ . in addition to  $D$ .  
dopamine effect usually depend on dose.

at low dose  $< 5 \mu\text{g/Kg/min}$   $\rightarrow$  acts on peripheral system  
on  $D_1$  & produce Vasodilation. (good in shock  
eg. Cardiogenic shock  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  renal perfusion. Situations).

\* Note:- There are many drugs used for treatment of Emesis because the mechanism of emesis include different types.

moderate dose of  $5-10 \mu\text{g/Kg/min}$   $\rightarrow$  act on  $D$  &  $B_1$  receptors

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high doses  $> 10 \mu\text{g/Kg/min}$ .  $\rightarrow$  act on  $D_1 B \&$   
increase peripheral resistance,  $\&$   $\alpha_1$  recep.  
leads to malignant hypertension.  
(Not recommended clinically)

But the recommended doses are of low & moderate  
doses in case of cardiogenic shock  $\rightarrow$  hypotension  
decrease renal perfusion,  $\downarrow$  cardiac contractility

Note:- Dopamine can't be taken orally, because it's  
rapidly degraded by 2 enzymes found in  
GIT  $\rightarrow$  MAO / COMT

Mono amino  
oxidase  $\rightarrow$  Catechol oxygen methyl  
transferase.

This enzyme convert Methyl  $\&$   $O_2$  group  
into catechol.  
(Adrenaline / Noradrenaline /  
dopamine)

Should be given ~~in~~ ~~in~~ in infusion.

(0.2 - 1 mg/min)  $\Rightarrow$  dose range.

But in clinical practice low  $\rightarrow$  (5-10)  $\rightarrow$  Precipitate.  
high  $\rightarrow$   $> 10$ .

$\rightarrow$  eg. patient of 70 Kg.

7  $\mu\text{g/Kg/min}$  infusion.

$70 \times 7 = 490 \mu\text{g/min}$ .

patient weight

$\frac{490}{1000} = 0.49 \text{ mg/min}$

0.5 mg/min for treatment in drops.



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250mg/500ml dextrose. 1mg/2ml.  
("0.5mg/1ml") of dextrose.  
dopamine fixed, but  
we change according to patient need.

1ml = 20 drops. = 0.5mg.  
20 drops/min.

eg:-  $50 \times 7 = 350 \mu\text{g/kg/min.}$   $350/1000$   
 $0.35\text{mg} \approx 0.4\text{mg}$

$0.5\text{mg} = 20 \text{ drops.}$

$0.4\text{mg} = X$

$$X = \frac{0.4 \times 20}{0.5} = 16 \text{ drops.}$$

2 types of receptors:-  $\alpha/\beta \Rightarrow$  post synaptic  
 $\alpha_2 \Rightarrow$  pre synaptic  
(decrease noradrenaline  
on noradrenergic terminal discharge).

(\*) diff. between Achenalline & noradrenaline.  
differs in activity depends on selectivity  
of receptors.

If a patient is given noradrenaline & other Adrenaline for ~~BP~~ BP.

Noradrenaline have higher selectivity on  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  receptors of vessels, while adrenaline less.

adrenaline given in case of Asthma but noradrenaline have no selectivity for  $\beta$  receptor.

(\*) Biosynthesis. 1 ✓

(\*) Storage. 2

(\*) Release. 3

(\*) Action & Response. 4

(\*) Inactivation. 5

→ inside vesicles in form of noradrenaline.

usually occurs simultaneously with Response.

Release of Noradr. → passive  
→ Active.

passive  $\Rightarrow$  when required is small amounts to maintain physiological function.

Active  $\Rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  A.P released in high amounts when activity.

Noradr. is released as "Quanta" (1000 quanta).

Quantum  $\Rightarrow$  100,000 molecules.

1000 quanta  $\times$  100,000  $\Rightarrow$  millions

very huge amount, of this 90% is inactivated.



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Only 10% reaches the receptors to produce action.  
enzymes inactivate 90%.

Action  $\Rightarrow$  presynaptic  $\Rightarrow (\alpha_2)$  feedback  
inhibition of ~~dopa~~ <sup>norad.</sup> release.  
post synaptic  $\Rightarrow \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2$ .

To stop release we  
give against (methyl dopa or  
choline).  
we can benefit by this in treating hypertension.

(\*) Inactivation:- 3 ways.

- 1) Reuptake  $\rightarrow$  (1) means returns  
 $\rightarrow$  (2) 1) back to neuron  
after release  
by carrier  
inside neuron
- 2) Passive diffusion.
- 3) Enzymatic destruction. either inactivated  
by MAO or  
steroid.
- 2) Uptake to other neuron  
or tissue, which is  
then degraded  
by another  
enzyme.  
by COMT

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passive diffusion  $\Rightarrow$  to diffuse away into Blood circulation.  
enzymatic  $\Rightarrow$  By MAO & COMT.

### \* Drugs acting :-

① pre synaptic drugs :- Cocaine & <sup>(amytasiline)</sup>

$\uparrow$  adrenaline as a result  $\leftarrow$  block (uptake one) of adrenalline.  
hypertension, bronchodilation, tachycardia.

Amytrasiline  $\Rightarrow$  Antipsychotic,  $\downarrow$  depression.

amytasiline have side effect means low conc. of adrenaline  
 $\uparrow$  BP  $\Rightarrow$  So shouldn't eat cheese.

② Post synaptic drugs :- Agonist  
Antagonist.

(A) patient having Arrhythmia.

(B) " " Arrhythmia + Asthma.

which drug will be prescribed  $\rightarrow$  Atenolol or propranolol.

Note :- Atenolol  $\Rightarrow$  Selective  $\beta_1$  Blocker.

propranolol  $\Rightarrow$  non-selective  $\beta_1/\beta_2$  Blocker.



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patient (B) we can't give him propranolol.  
because non-selective will block  $\beta_1$  & ( $\beta_2$ )  
producing bronchoconstriction  
& aggravating the condition.

So we give him Atenolol for arrhythmia +  
Salbutamol for Asthma.

while patient (A) we can give him either  
propranolol or Atenolol.

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## (ANS) Cholinergic System

- ① The main transmitter + site of action.
- ② Cholinergic transmission.
- ③ drugs acting & clinical use.

Muscarinic & Nicotinic receptors.  
main trans.  $\rightarrow$  Acetylcholine.

Site of Action of Acetylcholine :-

- 1) Ganglia (first site of action) Nicotinic <sup>Ng</sup>  
binds to  $\rightarrow$  ganglionic receptor.

$\rightarrow$  Acetylcholine stimulates ganglia in both sympathetic & parasympathetic NS, in parasymp.  $\uparrow$  release of acetylcholine, while in sympathetic increase release of Adrenaline & noradrenaline. produces lots of disturbances, there is no drug that does the action of acetylcholine but instead Ganglia blockers  $\Rightarrow$  (Trimethaphan)  $\rightarrow$  severe hypotension because decreases both symp & parasymp. used only in case of emergencies in malignant hypertension. (No clinical use) tachycardia, hypotension.



(2) Post ganglionic - parasympathetic neurons innervates effectors organs.

(3) Post ganglionic Sympathetic neurons innervates sweat glands (Exception: all Symp. secrete nor adrenaline except here in sweat gland Acetylcholine).

(4) Motor neuron (Somatic NS) release acetylcholine on striated muscles on NM receptors (nicotinic muscular) contraction.

⊕ Nicotinic Recept. → NM  
→ NG (ganglionic).

Drugs blocking the 4th site of action decrease muscular activity (muscle relaxant).

(D - Tubocurarine & Gallamine).

used in <sup>pre</sup> operations to reduce use of anaesthetics & to relax muscles.

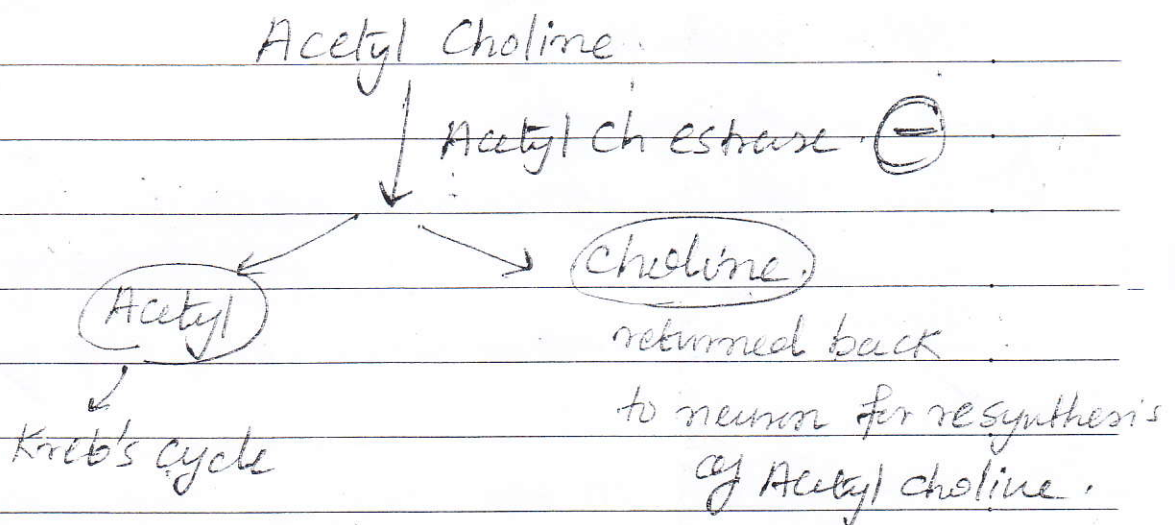
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(5) CNS  $\Rightarrow$  good for memory.

Alzheimer disease  $\Rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  acetylcholine release.

((5 steps of synthesis)).

Inactivation by enzyme acetylcholine esterase.



True enzyme :- which only degrades the endogenous Acetylchol. not that which mimic like drugs.

False enzyme :- degrades drugs resembling acetylcholine (local anaesthetics).

((Acetylcholine enzyme inhibitor))  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  concn. of Acetylcholine.  
(esthane)  
indirectly increase Acetylcholine by blocking the enzyme not directly by receptors.



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What are signs & symptoms of ↑ acetylcholine?

(poisoning with ~~and~~ acetylcholinesterase inhibitor)

Nicotinic & muscarinic receptor.

Irreversible  $\Rightarrow$  after 24 hours no effect  
so we have to treat before 24 hours, bind to receptors irreversibly.

① Parathion  $\xrightarrow{\text{during 24 hours}}$  used in agriculture  $\Rightarrow$  cholinesterase inhibitor.

poisoning  $\rightarrow$  salivation, lacrimation, resp. arrest.

Treatment of parathion  $\Rightarrow$  Atropine (antagonist) block muscarinic receptor.

but on Nicotinic receptor we give dry mouth.  
(Pralidoxime + Atropine.)  $\xrightarrow{\text{enzyme activator}}$  given simultaneously.

↓  
Acetylcholine  $\downarrow$  no action on nicotinic receptor.

Soman / Sarin  $\Rightarrow$  Nerve gases (used by terrorism)  
(acetylcholinesterase inhibitor)

↓  
Treatment of poisoning by pralidoxime + Atropine.

weak competitive.

Treatment of Atropine overdose (dry mouth)

↓  
 Protected by giving drugs that ↑ acetylcholine  
 by inhibiting Acetylcholine Est. enzyme.  
 (physostigmine comp. inhibitor of Acetylchol.  
 (central/periph). Est.)).

2 Antidotes ⇒ physostigmine for Acetylcholine ↑  
 ⇒ Neostigmine for core muscle  
 (periphery) relaxant  
 overdose.

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Group (A) - (8)

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